

WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION

Remember lessons, leader urges

Italy's president says world should prefer friendship over conflict

ROME — Italy's president lamented World War I's roots in "aggressive nationalism" and held up the European Union on Sunday as the "highest expression" of a commitment to common good needed to prevent catastrophic military conflicts.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the war, Italian head of state Sergio Mattarella also recalled Europe's history of anti-Semitism as he urged young people to remember the conflict's lessons while striving for peaceful coexistence.

"To celebrate together the end of the war and to jointly



SERGIO MATTARELLA

honor the fallen — all the fallen — signifies to reiterate with force, all together, that over the path of war, we prefer to develop friendship and collaboration," Mattarella said at a ceremony in Trieste, a port city not far from some of the deadliest battles between Italian soldiers and troops of the Austrian-Hungarian empire.

The event was part of a week of observances planned for the centenary of Armistice Day. More than 60 heads of state and government, including U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, are expected to attend an international ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on the Nov. 11 anniversary.



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Thousands of flames were lighted at the Tower of London on Sunday to mark the centenary of the end of World War I. The lighting of the 10,000-flame display, titled Beyond the Deepening Shadow, will be repeated every night until Nov. 11.

IN THE KNOW Germany's plans

MARKING 100 YEARS: German Chancellor Angela Merkel will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I on French soil, and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier will be in London for a ceremony in Westminster Abbey with Queen Elizabeth II.

NO COMMEMORATION: While Germany's leaders visit the capitals of its wartime enemies, at home there are no national commemorations planned for the centenary of the Nov. 11 armistice that ended the four-year war that left 17 million dead, including more than 2 million German troops.

AFTER THE ARMISTICE: For Germany, the Nov. 11 armistice did not mean peace like it did in France and Britain. The war's end gave rise to revolution and street fighting between far-left and far-right factions. It also brought an end to the monarchy, years of hyperinflation, widespread poverty and hunger, and it helped create the conditions that helped bring the Nazis to power in 1933.

The Associated Press

French President Emmanuel Macron started a six-day tour of World War I battlegrounds Sunday night in the eastern French city of Strasbourg. Accompanying him were his wife, Brigitte, and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

On Monday, Macron

plans to attend a ceremony in memory of the soldiers who died early in the war, during the Battle of Morang in 1914.

In Trieste, Italy's president singled out the memory of a "simple soldier," Vittorio Calderoni, who died from his wounds at age 17 just after

World War I ended. Calderoni was the son of Italians who had immigrated to Argentina, but he sailed to Europe to enlist in the army and fight for Italy.

Mattarella said he chose to pay tribute to him "because Vittorio Calderoni was Jewish, the youngest of some 400 Italians of Jewish origin who died in the Great War." The president said he considered it his duty to note that in the same square where he spoke, late Italian dictator Benito Mussolini delivered a 1938 speech that ushered in "the dark and tragic" period of the fascist regime's anti-Jewish laws.

Mattarella encouraged young people to keep an "active" memory for the victims of wars as a way to consolidate freedom and harmony as "irreversible" choices for Europeans.

Frances D'Emilio, The Associated Press

ITALY

Storms, floods in Sicily kill at least 12

9 victims were from 2 families sharing villa overrun by water, mud

ROME — Storm-related floods killed at least 12 people in Sicily, Italian authorities said Sunday, including nine members of two families who were spending a long weekend together when water and mud from a swollen river overran their rented villa.

After surveying the stricken Mediterranean island by helicopter, Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte identified two more of the victims as a German couple whose car was swept away by flood waters near Agrigento, a tourist town known for its ancient Greek temples.

Italian news reports said a 1-year-old, a 3-year-old and a teenager were among the flood victims from the family get-together in Casteldaccia. A survivor, Giuseppe Giordano, lost his wife, two of his children, his parents and a brother, Italian news agency ANSA said.

State broadcaster Rai-News24 said Giordano was stepping outside on Saturday night when the torrent rushed in and described him as the sole person to make it out alive.

When he opened the door, "there was a river of water, I was knocked down and grabbed hold of a tree," Giordano told reporters between sobs. "I was yelling, 'Help, help.'"

"My son Federico tried to save his little sister, but both died," Giordano said.

The two families had gathered in the villa during Italy's long weekend centering on the Nov. 1 All Saint's Day national holiday.

Casteldaccia Mayor Giovanni Di Giacinto told Sky TG24 that the flood water reached more than 6 feet high inside the home.

Rescuers retrieved the bod-



Alessandro Fucarini/Agence France-Presse

A motorhome was swept off a flooded road on Sunday after a small river burst its banks in Casteldaccia near Palermo on the Italian island of Sicily.

ies from the home. A Sicilian prosecutor opened an investigation to determine if neglect, such as possible inadequate

drainage of the river, played a role in the deaths or if the home was built illegally close to the river.

Only days earlier, other storms battered much of northern Italy, killing at least 15 people, uprooting millions of trees near Alpine valleys and leaving several Italian villages without electricity or road access for days.

Conte said a special Cabinet meeting could be held in the coming days to deliberate aid for storm-ravaged communities, as well as to approve \$1.15 billion to ensure safe hydrogeological conditions in Italy, including proper cleaning of riverbeds.

The other known casualty in Sicily was a man whose body was found on a guardrail along a Palermo-area road after floodwaters swept away his car, Italian news reports said.

Frances D'Emilio, The Associated Press

EGYPT

19 militants killed after deadly attack

They were linked to ambush that left seven Christian pilgrims dead

CAIRO — Egypt said Sunday that it had killed 19 militants linked to an ambush that left seven Christian pilgrims dead, as President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi scrambled to respond to a surge of Christian anger against his government.

The Interior Ministry said Egyptian forces had killed the militants during a chase through a mountainous area in the desert west of the ancient monastery where gunmen opened fire on three buses filled with pilgrims Friday.

Six of the seven pilgrims killed in the attack came from the same extended family, Coptic Orthodox officials said.

The announcement Sunday was accompanied by graphic photographs of bloodied bodies lying in the sand. But it offered few details about the circumstances of the raid.

Egypt routinely publicizes such raids, yet questions persist about why the security forces are unable to stop militant attacks. Outrage over Friday's attack — the deadliest against Christians in almost a year — was fanned by the fact that militants carried out a similar ambush at almost the same location in May 2017, killing 28 pilgrims.

At a funeral in Minya on Saturday, hundreds of mourners jeered loudly and wagged their

fingers after a Coptic bishop publicly thanked the security forces and government officials.

In the attack Friday, gunmen opened fire on three buses soon after they left the Monastery of St. Samuel, in the desert south of Cairo, killing the seven people in one bus and wounding 19 others in total, according to Coptic Church officials.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility, saying on its Amaq news service that the attack had been in retaliation for the arrest of "our chaste sisters."

Egypt's State Information Service called the attack "a desperate attempt" that showed the group's weakness. But it also renewed doubts about the effectiveness of Egyptian strategy against the powerful local Islamic State affiliate.

"The reality is that the Islamic State has successfully executed an attack on the same road, next to the same monastery, one year apart," said Timothy Kaldas, an analyst with the Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy. "That really calls into question the quality of government efforts to enhance security, particularly in Minya, where the Christian minority has been targeted relentlessly."

In Rome, Pope Francis denounced the violence. "I pray for the victims, pilgrims killed just because they were Christian," he told worshippers at St. Peter's Square on Sunday.

Declan Walsh, The New York Times



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Additional information is also available on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/lane-plating-works>.